







# POET'S CORNER

*From Moore's Sacred Melodist.*  
 Were not the angel Mary's tears  
 An offering worthy Heaven,  
 When o'er the fault of former years  
 She wept—and was forgiven?  
 When, bringing every balmy word,  
 Her day of luxury o'erspread,  
 She o'er her Saviour's hallow'd feet  
 The precious perfume pour'd—  
 And wip'd them with that golden hair,  
 Where once the diamond shone,  
 The now those gems of grief were there,  
 Which none for God alone!  
 Were not those sweetest humbly shed,  
 That hair—those weeping eyes—  
 And the sunk heart that only bled—  
 Heaven's noblest sacrifices?

*From the same.*  
 This world is all a fleeting show,  
 For man's illusion given;  
 The stiller joy, the warm of weep,  
 Deceitful false, deceitful flow.  
 There's nothing true but Heaven,  
 And false the light on glory's plume.  
 As fading hues of even;  
 And love and hope, and beauty's bloom,  
 Are blossoms gathered from the tomb.  
 There's nothing bright but Heaven,  
 Poor wanderers of a stormy day,  
 From wave to wave we're driven;  
 And fancy's bath, and reason's ray,  
 Serve but to light the troubled way.  
 There's nothing calm but Heaven.

*From the Connecticut Courant.*  
 Short Chapters of Hints & Advice  
 on the subject of Hard  
 Times.

BY ONE OF THE PEOPLE.  
 CHAPTER XI.

*The Canker of the Commonwealth.*  
 With hard drinkers, and their families, (if families they unfortunately have) it must need be hard times; and of hard drinkers no inconsiderable portion of our nation is composed. How widely is this evil spread! How numerous & how deplorably wretched are its victims! Among this immense group of miserable are to be found many of opulent patenage; many who once inherited wealth; many who once were respectable and respected; many who once were distinguished for industry, economy and thrift; many who once were of bright and ingenious minds; many who once possessed a delicate sense of honour; many who once deeply felt the endearing ties of relationship—whose company gave delight to parents, brothers, sisters, wives and children; many who were the hope and the pride of their kindred, and the ornaments of society—till the cup of abomination poisoned their soul and body.

Now they are as lazy as poor; now their once comely visages are changed to disgusting and hideous; now their whole bodies are debilitated and corrupted; now every fine feeling is utterly extinguished; now all sense of honor and of shame is lost; now brutal ferociousness succeeds to the former slavery of temper; now all natural affections are extinct and dead; now the aged and weak parent is wantonly insulted or totally disregarded; now the estimable and once beloved wife is assailed with opprobrious language, and with wounding blows; now both wife and children are forsaken, or worse than forsaken—are made to endure, day and night, the brutality of a drunken husband and father, who instead of supporting them, is their fiend-like tormentor.

Till an effectual check be put to this most awful of evils, tens and scores of thousands of families in our country must suffer the direful ills of poverty and want. Till some power, divine or human, effectually interpose between the living and the dead, so that this plague may be stayed, things will inevitably grow worse and worse with us.

This innumerable multitude of doubly and most deeply fallen men, scattered over the face of the whole country are not merely a dead loss to, but are a great weight upon general society. Even when well, they consume more than they earn; and when sick they are incumbrances upon charity—what the necessities of their hapless families are incessantly presenting before the public, and to the benevolence of individuals. And, over and above all this, they are drawing others into the same vortex of perdition; each of them is like a mill-dewed ear of corn, that falls and blights the ears contiguous to it.

Assuredly it behoves that all who have any regard for religion, or

morals, or country, should employ themselves in devising and executing plans to purge out this poisonous leaven, ere it leaven the whole lump.

*A new Thermometer.*

Lynchburg, (Virg.) Nov. 18.  
 We have seen, lately, a thermometer, which was invented & made by an artist in Copenhagen, of very extraordinary workmanship, and upon a principle which, although well known, has never before been employed for this purpose. This thermometer is, in form, similar to a watch, and is entirely composed of different metals, without any fluid. These metals are so combined, as, by every contraction and expansion to move so index in like manner as the hour or minute hand of a time piece—which index points to a division of a circle corresponding to Reaumur's scale. This index we were informed, showed the alterations of heat and cold, more sensibly than even the best quicksilver thermometers.

*Austerity of the Monks of La Trappe.*

Every one, at his first entrance, assumes a new name. With his former appellation, each is supposed not only to quit the world, but to adjure every recollection on memory of his former self. No word ever dropped from their lips, which possibly can give the least clue, by which the others can guess who they are, or where they came from—Often have persons of the very name, family & neighbourhood lived together in the convent for years unknown to each other; nor have they suspected their proximity till at the death of the one, the name on the grave stone revealed the secret to the survivor. Some years ago a youth of great talent entered himself at La Trappe. His early and deep piety edified the whole society. After a few years the austerity he had practised at an early age, undermined his health. He fell into a slow decline—One of the monks was appointed to attend him. He was selected as having himself left the world at a very early period. The youth died. About a year after his death one of the monks happening to go rather earlier than usual into the burying-grounds, their usual walking place, he saw the monk, who attended the youth standing with his arms folded, contemplating his tomb. On hearing him, he immediately fell back into the walk, no more notice was taken, the burying ground continued to be the daily walking place, nor did any other symptom ever escape. Ten years after the monk died—His grave stone unfolded the secret. It was his only son, whom, though unknown to him, he had so diligently attended.

*From the American Daily Advertiser.*

At a special meeting of "The Philadelphia Society for promoting Agriculture" held October 30th, 1816.

It was resolved, unanimously,

That the Curators, with the assistance of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, and any other Member or Members of the Society, who will procure and give information, collect facts relating to Agriculture, and Horticulture, and of all circumstances connected therewith, which have occurred through the extraordinary season of 1816; and particularly the effects of Frost on the vegetation, so far as it shall be in their power to acquire a knowledge of them. In performing this useful service, they will designate the Trees, Grasses, and other plants, and especially those cultivated, on which the Season has had either beneficial or injurious influence, and the local situations in which it has operated more or less perniciously, with the view to ascertain (among other beneficial results) the hardy or tender Grains, Grasses or Plants, most proper for situations exposed to drought, wet, or frost. In the inquiries, they will endeavour to discover the stages of growth in which cultivated crops have been more or less affected; and the state of products both of Grain, Grasses, and Fruit. The addition of any facts, as to insects and vermin usually or occasionally preying on cultivated plants, and whether more or less injury has been done by them in this, than in ordinary seasons, would also be useful. The result of each inquiry to be drawn into the form of a report, to be made by the Curators at our annual Meeting in January next, submitting such observations as they shall deem proper, to furnish, not only with the view to present information, but to record for future instruction, the various

mon accidents, and the causes attending them, which have marked this anomalous period.

*Published by order of the Society.*

RICHARD PETERS, President.

ROBERTA VACK, Secretary.

The Curators of the Philadelphia Society for promoting Agriculture, will thankfully receive any information on the subjects of the foregoing Resolution, from any of their Agricultural or other Fellow Citizens, who may be pleased to afford it. Any Meteorological Observations made during the present year, will also be acceptable. Letters sent by Post, or otherwise, addressed to SOLOMON W. CORBAN, No. 87, Market Street, Philadelphia, will be gratefully attended to.

*Philadelphia, Nov. 23.*

**VAST MAJORITY.**

The Electoral Election is over, and the Caucus Ticket has a majority of 8,065 votes in Pennsylvania. This is some dwindling from Binn's prediction, as appears from the following:

Binn's majority	35,000
Real majority	8,065
Leaving a balance of twenty-six thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, against the power of prophecy.	

**WM. R. THOMPSON,**

**Boot & Shpemaker,**

Having commenced business in the shop lately occupied by Mr. Walter Oros, in Church-street, and nearly opposite Mr. B. Curran's store, solicits a share of public patronage. He assures his friends, and all others disposed to encourage him: that every attention will be given to their orders for work, which no pains shall be spared to make neat and strong, and every way suitable to their own fancies.

Annapolis, Nov. 14, 1816.

**Public Sale.**

By virtue of an order from the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel county, the subscriber with expose to public sale, on Tuesday the 10th day of December next, at the late residence of Aquila Pumphrey, deceased, several Valuable Negroes, a Variety of Stock, Farming Utensils, and Household and Kitchen Furniture, with other articles not enumerated, to the property of said deceased. The terms of sale are—A credit of six months for all sums over twenty dollars. On the purchaser or purchasers giving bond with approved security for the payment of the purchase money, with interest thereon from the day of sale; for all purchases under that sum the cash to be paid. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

**Ann Catharine Pumphrey,**

Administratrix.

Nov. 21, 1816.

**This is to give Notice,**

That the subscriber hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Aquila Pumphrey, late of the county aforesaid, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are requested bring them legally authenticated, and those who are in any wise indebted to said estate, to make payment to Dr. Thomas C. Walker, of Baltimore county.

**Ann Catharine Pumphrey, Admrx.**

Nov. 21, 1816.

**STATE OF MARYLAND.**

**Anne Arundel County Orphans Court,**

**November 10th, 1816.**

On application by petition of Cave W. Edlin, administrator of Thomas Edlin, late of A. A. County, deceased, it is ordered, that the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, & that the same be published once in each week for the space of six consecutive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligencer.

**John Cassin, Reg. Wills,**

**A. A. County.**

**This is to give Notice,**

That the subscribers of A. A. County, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Thomas Edlin, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereon, to the subscriber, at or before the twenty-fifth day of March next, they are hereby warned by law to be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 10th day of November 1816.

**John Edlin, Administrator.**

**Boarding House.**

**MRS. ROBINSON.**

Having rented a large and commodious building in the City of Annapolis, respectfully informs the public, that she has commenced keeping a Boarding House, and will use every exertion to give satisfaction to those who may favour her with their patronage. The house being in the immediate vicinity of the State House, Gentlemen attending as Members of the Legislature, will find it to be a convenient place of accommodation. Ladies & Gentlemen accommodated with boarding by the day, week, month or year.

Annapolis, 21, 1816.

**FOR SALE.**

The subscriber will sell,

**Thomas's Point.**

And the lands adjoining, lying on the Chesapeake Bay, South River, Cyster and Fishing Creeks. These lands are bound with ship timber, and wood of almost every description. There is a large quantity of firm marsh belonging to it, and some low ground, which may be converted into meadow at a small expense. There are several small buildings on it. The whole contains between three and four hundred acres. This place is remarkable for fish, oysters and wild fowl.

**J. P. Chase.**

Nov. 21, 1816.

**PUBLIC SALE.**

Under the authority of the orphans court of Prince George's county, will be offered at Public Sale, on Wednesday the 10th day of December next, if fair, if not, the next fair day, All the residue of the personal property of Thomas Magruder, deceased, consisting of work horses, black cattle, plantation utensils, upwards of one hundred barrels of Indian corn, a large quantity of hay and fodder, a crop of tobacco hanging in the houses and some articles of household furniture; a number of negroes, belonging to the estate, will also be for sale on that day, but no traders in negroes, or persons residing out of the state, need attend with a view of purchasing. The sale to be at the dwelling house, on the plantation, about four miles from Upper Marlborough, on the road to the Poor's House, from that place, & three miles from the Battalion Old Fields, and to begin at eleven o'clock.

Terms—Cash for all sums not exceeding ten dollars, and for sums above six months credit, the purchaser or purchasers giving bond with approved security.

**John Read Magruder, Admrx.**

**ALSO, Will be offered on the same day, on a credit of six months, a good second hand Coach, and several other useful articles belonging to**

**Nov. 21, 1816.**

**John R. Magruder.**

**For Sale.**

A very valuable tract of LAND, situated on the Chesapeake Bay, at Plum Point in Calvert county, containing about 600 Acres, of which there are about 100 of meadow, and an ample quantity of wood land.

The improvements consist of two dwelling houses, one of which is situated immediately upon the bay, is built of excellent wood, is 46 by 20, & contains six rooms besides the parlor, two of which are on the first floor. To this building is attached every necessary out building. The other is situated about a mile from the bay, is 24 by 28, has a kitchen, corn-house and stable.

The land produces large crops of wheat, corn & tobacco—it is considered one of the best tobacco plantations in the county. There is at Plum Point a tobacco inspection house, and the packets have regularly a run from Baltimore to that place and conditions to do so.

A further description is deemed unnecessary, as persons who are disposed to purchase, will no doubt view the premises. They will be shown by Mr. James Hollabhead, residing at the Plum Point Inspection House. The title is indisputable. The title papers and every necessary information will be given, on application to the subscriber, living near Baltimore.

**James Briggs.**

N. B. If the above property should not be sold at private sale before the 10th of December next, it will on that day be offered at public sale at the store of Mr. Abraham Low on the premises, and if sold before that time, due notice will be given.

**November 21, 1816.**

**NOTICE.**

All persons are hereby forewarned, that if any dog or gun, or any other trespassing instrument, be found on the north side of Severn River, or in the neighbourhood of the same, the law will be enforced against all offenders.

**Nov. 21, 1816.**

**Bartholomew.**

**Boarding House.**

**CAVE W. EDELEN.**

Respectfully informs the public, that she commenced keeping a Boarding House, in the spacious building formerly occupied by John Stephens, esq. & is nearly opposite Mr. Hunter's tavern. She pledges herself that every attention will be made to accommodate to their satisfaction, all ladies and gentlemen who may favour her with their company.

N. B. Private Suppers provided at short notice.

**Nov. 21.**

**Public Sale.**

By virtue of an order from the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel county, will be offered at public sale, at Plum Point, on Saturday the 21st day of December next, a Valuable Male Slave, aged about thirty years, a tolerable good Shoemaker, on a credit of six months. Bond with good security will be required, with interest from the day of sale. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, P. M.

**Samuel Drury, Adm.**

**Adm. de bonis non, of Edmund**

**Liams.**

**Nov. 14.**

**NOTICE.**

The subscriber by virtue of an order from the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel County, will offer at public sale, at the late residence of Augustus Sewell, deceased, on Monday the 10th December next, if fair, if not the next fair day thereafter, the residue of the personal property of the said deceased, consisting of several young negroes for a term of years; one or two good work horses; a pair of young oxen well broke, with an ox cart, some milch cows, a quantity of Indian corn, corn fodder and husks, plantation utensils, and household and kitchen furniture, with a number of other articles too tedious to mention. The terms of sale will be, cash for all sums under twenty dollars, for that and all sums over, a credit of six months will be given, the purchaser to give notes, with good security, bearing interest from the day of sale. The sale to commence precisely at ten o'clock.

**Thomas Worthington, jun.**

**Executor.**

**Nov. 14.**

**100 Dollars Reward.**

Runaway from the subscriber on the 25th of August last, negro Sam Butler, or as he is sometimes called Sam Dogan. He was raised the property of Nicholas Carroll, esq. late of the city of Annapolis, and sold to Mr. Geo. Howard of Baltimore, from whom I purchased him. Sam is about 30 years of age, 5 feet, 7 or 8 inches high, slender made, narrow between the shoulders, rather of a yellowish color—and long face. His under jaw rather longer than his upper one, and eyes having considerable white in them. His feet are ill shaped with large lumps on the inside of them, by some called the pudding or gun foot. He makes some pretensions to religion—but being an uncommon liar, may be easily detected on that head. Is a great coward. It is quite likely he has obtained a pass, but without the county seal I should suppose this would have no weight; his clothing was country—two linen shirts and trousers, and a long buff colored cloth coat. It is expected he is lurking about the city of Baltimore, or at the farm of Mr. George Howard, about 15 miles from the city of Baltimore, or at the farm of Nicholas Carroll, esq. called the Caves, or in the neighborhood of the lower ferry, on South River. If said negro is apprehended and brought home to me, the above reward will be given. All persons are strictly forewarned harboring or employing the above negro, at their peril.

**Edward Williams.**

**Greenberry's Point near the city of**

**Annapolis.**

N. B. Sam has a free will, he claims to be a slave. He possesses some real property near Annapolis. If he returns home without bringing me a further coat, and behaves himself in future, his conduct will be looked upon.

He has a downy look when spoken to.

**Nov. 14.**

**NOTICE.**

I forewarn all persons hunting wild dog or fox, or any other trespassing instrument, on the north side of Severn River, or in the neighbourhood of the same, that I am determined to enforce the law against all such offenders.

**Nov. 14.**

**NOTICE.**

Application will be made to the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel county, in December next, to open an old county road, leading from the Montgomery road, near Water's Tavern, to the old "Push Pin" bridge, on the Columbia Turnpike, and to open a road through the lands of Jno. C. Wynn, esq. and Colonel Charles Street Ridgely, from Wynn's lane to the Columbia Turnpike, near Oakland Mills.

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*You close that merry Christmas day,  
And would you ask me how  
You might the busy season survey,  
And see those faces meet—  
Then hither turn,—you waving grass,  
And sparkling stones will show,  
For these transactions came to pass  
A hundred years ago.*

**By His Excellency Charles Ridgely,  
of Hampton, Esquire, Governor of  
Maryland.**

**A PROCLAMATION.**

Whereas the General Assembly of Maryland did by Act passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, entitled "An act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections," direct that the Governor or Council, after having received the returns of the electors for electors, choose a President and Vice-President of the United States, should enumerate and ascertain the number of votes for each and every candidate and person as aforesaid voted for as an elector respectively, & should thereupon declare by proclamation, signed by the Governor, and without delay disperse through the State the name of the person or persons duly elected as Elector in each respective District: We in pursuance of the directions of the said act do, by this our Proclamation declare, that by the returns made to us it appears that William Dent Baill, Esq. was elected for the First District, Joseph Ken Esq. was elected for the Second District, Edward Johnson and John Stephens, Esquires, were elected for the Third District, Jas. Buchanan & Lawrence Brengle, Esqrs. were elected for the Fourth District, George Warner Esq. was elected for the Fifth District, William C. Miller, Esq. was elected for the Sixth District, Benjamin Macey, Esq., was elected for the Seventh District, Thomas Egnalls, Esq. was elected for the Eighth District, and Landon Dennis, Esq. was elected for the Ninth District. Given in Council—the City of Annapolis under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, this second day of December, in the year our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the first.

C. RIDGELY, of Hampton.  
By His Excellency's command,

NINIAN PINKNEY,  
Clerk of the Council.

Ordered that the above be published five times in the Maryland Gazette, Federal Gazette, Federal Republic and Telegraph, the Frederick Town Herald, the Torch Light, the Allegany Federalist, and Easton Monitor.

By order,  
NINIAN PINKNEY,  
Clerk of the Council.

Dec. 12, 1816.

**By the Committee of Grievances  
and Courts of Justice.**

The Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice will sit every day during the present Session, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the evening.

By order,  
Rinaldo Rudell, Clerk.

Decr. 12, 1816.

**By the Committee of Claims.**

The Committee of Claims will sit every day during the present Session, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the evening.

By order,  
Geo. Murdoch, Clerk.

Decr. 12, 1816.

**NOTICE.**

In pursuance of an order of the peace court of Worcester county, Maryland. This is to give notice, the subscriber of said county, hath taken from the orphan court of Worcester county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Leban Hill, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 30th day of June next, they otherwise by law be excluded from benefit of the said estate. Given my hand this 20th day of November A.D. 1816.

Sarah Hill, Ex-  
Dec. 12, 1816.

**Was Lost**

In the Privy at Mr. Catton's Tavern Saturday morning last, a small English Repeating Gold Watch, with a ribbon and steel key appended; honest finder will for delivering the Watch at the Bar of the Tavern mentioned, receive a reward of \$100 Dollars if acceptable, or twenty will be given for detecting and bringing, by due course of law, any that may clandestinely and fraudulently attempt to keep possession of watch.

December 11 1816, JAC

**NOTICE.**

The Commissioners of the 1st Anne Arundel County will in the 1st Monday of January next begin the office of receiving transfers from the Queen's Title Court.

J. A. Countess.

**2,500 Rafts Wa**  
The subscriber will give 2,500 good shelled balls daily to the Valley Ferry, and wanted new bands for the year 1917.  
Jesse H. Allen  
Dec. 3, 1916.





trustees of the poor of Queen Anne's, for an additional levy. From sundry inhabitants of Allegany, to repair the roads in said county. From the rector and vestry of St. John's parish, in Harford and Baltimore, for the sale of certain lands. From Basil Burgess, of Kentucky, a revolutionary soldier. From Mary E. Barrett, of Baltimore, for annulling certain deeds. Severally referred.

The bill to lay out a road near Peter Hoffman's mill, and the bill for the relief of Mary Wyatt, were passed and sent to senate.

On motion of Mr. Houston, Leave given to bring in a bill for a lottery to establish schools in the several counties.

Mr. Blackstone delivers a bill authorizing a lottery to repair the churches in King and Queen parishes, in St. Mary's.—Read. Mr. Kell a bill to provide for repairing the jail in Baltimore county—twice read, passed, and sent to senate.

The reports in favour of Benjamin Young, and Kenney Harrison, were concurred in, and sent to senate.

The bill annulling the marriage of Samuel Taylor, jun. was passed and sent to senate.

On motion of Mr. Hands, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate divorces.

Mr. Kell delivers a resolution authorizing the governor and council to loan to Lt. Col. Heath seventy-five stand of rifles, &c. twice read, assented to, and sent to senate.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a report favourable to the petition of Walter Dyer. Read.

The bill annulling the marriage of Isaac and Maria Dawson, was read the second time and will not pass.

Mr. Williams delivers a bill authorizing a lottery for the purpose of completing a school-house and purchasing church-bells, in the town of Boonsboro. Read.

The supplement to the act to incorporate the Franklin Manufacturing Company of Maryland, and the bill to enable Robert Gorsuch to complete his collection, were passed and sent to senate.

On motion of Mr. Rd. Watts, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate justices and constables fees in criminal process, in Montgomery county.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a bill authorizing the sale of a tract of land in Dorchester, owned by the children of Wm. M. Robertson, deceased. Mr. Duvall a bill for the valuation of real and personal property in Anne Arundel and Somerset counties. Mr. Seliman a bill authorizing Ariana Hall to remove a certain negro from New Orleans to this state. Mr. Bradford a bill for the relief of James Lee Morgan. Severally read.

On motion of Mr. Kell, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to the collection of public taxes, in Baltimore county.

The bill to incorporate the Independent Manufacturing Company of Baltimore, was passed and sent to senate.

On motion of Mr. Rd. Watts, Leave given to bring in a bill to empower the justices of the peace to compel retailers of liquors without permits or licenses, during the recess of the courts, to enter into recognizance for their appearance at the next county court.

Adjourned.

Friday, Dec. 19.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a memorial from Sarah Easton and Dorothy Storer, daughters of Robert H. Harrison, deceased, for compensation for services rendered by him during the revolutionary war. Referred.

#### PETITIONS

From sundry inhabitants of Upper Marlboro, for an act of incorporation; also for a certain road to be made public; also for the establishment of a Bank in said town; also for an additional election district. From Matthew Murray, Sheriff of Baltimore, for relief for supporting insolvent debtors. From sundry inhabitants of Worcester, for a road. From Jacob Morris, jun. of Somerset, to be paid for completing a road. From Daniel Bousert, of Frederick, to make a deed or deeds of conveyance. From Robert Gardner, of Queen Anne's, for a deed of conveyance for a tract of land. From Martha Graham, of Frederick, for a divorce. From the Philanthropic Society of Upper Marlboro, for an act of incorporation; also for a lottery. From the trustees of the West Street Lancaster School, for an annual donation.

From sundry inhabitants of Queen Anne's, for a Bank in Centreville. Severally referred.

Mr. Roberts delivers a bill for draining Unicorn Branch on Chester river. Mr. W. Stewart a bill to incorporate the Union Beneficial Society of Baltimore. Severally read.

On motion of Mr. R. Watts, Leave given to bring in a bill vesting in the levy courts the power of opening straightening and amending the public roads in the several counties.

On motion by Mr. Handy, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act for the benefit of the heirs of John Stevens, deceased.

On motion of Mr. Stoddert, the following order was read and adopted.

Ordered, That so much of the executive communication as relates to the appropriation made by a former resolution of the general assembly for defraying the expense of collecting the public arms, be referred to a committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Stoddert, Quinton, H. Hall, Pitt and Ridgely.

That so much of the communication as relates to the claim of J. Joseph Henry, be referred to a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Potts, Bowles and A. D. Mitchell.

That so much of the communication as relates to sundry resolutions from the states of Massachusetts, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Tennessee, be referred to a committee of seven, consisting of Messrs. Lecompte, Harrison, Whittington, F. M. Hall, Hager, Scott and Houston.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the claims of the state against individuals, and the expediency of appointing an officer for the purpose of collecting or otherwise securing the same, be referred to a committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Hambleton, Dennis, Schnebly, Lanham and Hands.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the revision and amendment of the militia laws, be referred to a committee of seven, consisting of Messrs. Causin, Williams, Dennis, Ringgold, Blackston, W. Stewart and Posey, and that the said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Stoddert, the following message was agreed to and sent to the senate.

Gentlemen of the Senate

We sent you a message on Tuesday proposing to supply the vacancy in our representation in the Senate of the United States, produced by the resignation of Mr. Harper, to which no answer has been made by your honourable body. We therefore respectfully urge the propriety of proceeding to this election today at one o'clock. As congress is now in session, and the interests of Maryland might probably be better secured, or more highly promoted, by a full representation in that body. Mr. Alexander C. Hanson and Mr. William H. Winder are put in nomination by this house.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the benefit of John Shick; the bill for the benefit of Alexander Moore; the bill for the benefit of Thomas Moore; the bill to provide for repairing the jail in Baltimore county; the bill to change the place of holding elections in the third election district in Caroline, and the bill for the relief of Mary Wyatt, severally endorsed "will pass." The bill to incorporate the Phenix Fire Insurance Company of Maryland, passed with an amendment, agreed to. The supplement to the act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Boonsborough to Sweetening's ferry, endorsed "will not pass."

The resolution authorizing the loan of rifles, "assented to."

Mr. Kell delivers a bill relating to the collection of the public taxes in Baltimore county—twice read, passed, and sent to senate.

Mr. Bradford delivers a bill to confirm the title of James and John Alexander to certain lands. Read.

On motion of Mr. Hambleton, Leave given to bring in a bill concerning field officers of the militia of the state of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Causin, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter such part of the constitution as relates to the mode of appointing Auditors to the state.

Adjourned.

Saturday, Dec. 20.

Mr. Wm. Stewart delivers a bill securing to mechanics, and others,

payment for their labour and materials in erecting any building within the city and precincts of Baltimore. Read.

Mr. Dennis a bill for the relief of Jacob Morris, jun.—twice read, passed, and sent to senate.

Mr. Posey delivers a report favorable to the petition of Jane White. Read.

Mr. Potts delivers a supplement to an act for the erection of a new court-house in Hagerstown; and an additional supplement to the act for the relief of the poor in Washington county—severally read.

On motion of Mr. Washington, Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of recommending to the general government the adoption of such measures as to them may seem most advisable, to prevent, or limit, the exportation of grain, in consequence of the general failure of fall-crops, the distresses of the poor, & scarcity to be apprehended the ensuing Spring; the committee to consist of five members, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Messrs. Washington, Stoddert, Somervell, Thomas and Quinton, were appointed the committee.

#### PETITIONS

From sundry inhabitants of Harford, for a public road. From Eliza Harris, to make valid a deed. From sundry inhabitants of the north and south branches of Potomac, for a lottery. From Samuel Frazier and Wm. Nebbet, of Harford, revolutionary soldiers. From Eliza Brown, of Anne Arundel, a militia captain, to be compensated for services rendered in the late war. From sundry inhabitants of Talbot, for relief relative to the practice of kidnapping free negroes.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

Gent. of the Ho. of Del.

We have received your message proposing to go into an appointment of a senator to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Mr. Harper. The senate, in postponing the proposed election, have been actuated only with a view to the public good; aware of the high and responsible situation of an United States senator, they are anxious that the public expression should be as general as possible, and their body not being full, several members having left the senate under the impression that no election would take place this week, for these reasons the senate decline, for the present, going into an appointment, but propose, with the concurrence of your body, to make the appointment on Wednesday next, at one o'clock.

The bill for the valuation of real and personal property, in Anne Arundel and Somerset counties, after having inserted "Talbot county," was read the second time, passed and sent to senate.

Mr. W. Stewart delivers an additional supplement to the act respecting a monument of statue to the memory of Washington. Mr. Long a bill for the encouragement of internal improvement—severally read.

On motion of Mr. Stoddert, Leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act relating to negroes.

On motion of Mr. Potts, a message was sent to the senate agreeing to their proposition of electing a Senator of the U. S. on Wednesday next.

Mr. Harrison delivers a bill to establish a Bank and incorporate a company under the name of The Centreville Bank of Maryland. Mr. Stoddert a bill to appoint an agent to settle the claims of this state with the government of the U. S. Severally read.

Mr. Stoddert delivers the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of appointing an agent to the state to adjust and liquidate the claims thereof, with and against the United States, would beg leave further to submit the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption to the house.

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in the Congress of the United States be requested to co-operate (as far as their influence in the national government extends) with the agent to the state, so as to produce a speedy and satisfactory liquidation of the claims of Maryland with and against the United States.

Resolved, That the Governor be instructed to communicate a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, and notification of the appointment of the agent, immediately

by the appointment being made. Resolved. Adjourned.

Monday, Dec. 16.

Mr. John J. Jenkins, a delegate from Charles county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. Kell delivers a memorial from Luther Martin, chief justice of the court of oyer and terminer of Baltimore county, for an addition to his salary. Referred.

#### PETITIONS

From John Murray, of Baltimore, for relief relative to certain defects in the law for the extension of Aqueduct street. From sundry inhabitants of Dorchester, for the establishment of a bank in Cambridge. From sundry inhabitants of Allegany, for additional election districts. From Abraham Hooper, of Harford, a revolutionary soldier. From Anne Meade, of Annapolis, for a support for two female children of Vachel Johnson. A memorial from Colin Mackenzie and James Smyth, attending physicians to the Hospital in the vicinity of Baltimore, for legislative aid. Severally referred.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the Treasurer of the W. S. covering letters from William Cooke, esq. president of the Bank of Maryland, and Henry H. Harwood, esq. president of the Farmers Bank of Maryland, for payment of the loans made by said Banks to the state. Read.

Mr. Quinton delivers a report favourable to the petition of William Niblet—twice read and concurred in.

Mr. Bradford a report favourable to the petition of Samuel Frazier. Read.

The report in favour of the trustees of the Union Lancasterian School in Frederick county, was read the second time, and the question put, that the house assent to the resolution contained therein? Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Stoddert, the following preamble and resolutions were read.

#### BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

December 16, 1815.

As the Representatives of the Freemen of Maryland, we deem it our sacred duty to contribute our utmost efforts to stem the tide of public corruption, and to arrest the progress of guilty and audacious ambition. Holding it as an incontrovertible truth, consecrated by the wisdom of ages, and rendered impressive by the solemn experience of other nations, that the purity and freedom of elections are the seminal and vital principles of genuine republicanism; and that as the ability and vigor of these principles decline, in the same ratio the stability and growth of political prosperity and happiness decay: And viewing with honest indignation, and painful sensibility, the open and daring violation of those fundamental principles of our government, in the virtual substitution of appointment, by a congressional caucus, in the place of a free and unbiased choice by the people, of a President and believing that there exists among the people of the United States that incorruptible integrity and enlightened perception, which alone are able to redeem our happy constitution from the abuses of venality and corruption; and to rescue our liberties from the grasp of lawless power; and being fully impressed with the conviction, that the time has arrived when this redeeming power must be exercised, on our great charter of national rights rendered a mere budget of deceitful promises and empty assurances; and trusting that public sentiment, the great and salutary corrective of public vices in a free government, will exert its wholesome influence over that "calumnious of living death," a Presidential caucus:—

Resolved, That the next session of disposing of the chief magistracy of our country, by a portion of the members of congress, is unconstitutional, venal and corrupt; because it changes in effect the nature of our government, by transmitting it into an oligarchy; and because it robs the people of their dearest and most invaluable rights, by feloniously transferring to a few individuals, what of right belongs to every free citizen of the country. That we show such a proceeding as an open outrage on decency, and a wanton insult to our feelings and understandings; and

that we regard it as a violation of every good citizen's constitutional right to new-born monster of public corruption.

Resolved, That we insist upon the purity of the conduct of this election, and that a part in that great force of election, where no more to be made, and when nothing remained to be done.

By order. LOUIS GASSAWAY, given to bring in a bill to amend that part of the constitution annexed to the division of Dorchester county into three separate election districts.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins, Leave given to bring in a bill to amend an act for the enclosure of such persons as will amount to build water mills.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill relating to the collection of the public taxes in Baltimore county, endorsed, "will pass." A bill for the relief of Jacob Johnson—passed with amendments, which were agreed to. The bill for appointing a printer to the state, endorsed "will not pass." And a bill to repeal and annul an act authorizing a lottery for cutting a canal from the head of Blackwater river to the head of Patuxent creek, in Dorchester county—passed by the senate—Read.

The bill annulling the marriage of Barney Deane and Catherine Deane, and confirming the marriage of Barney Deane and Elizabeth Freshour, and William Manassa and Catherine Deane, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act to prevent the unlawful cutting and carrying away of wood and timber.

Mr. Griffith delivers a bill to repeal that part of the constitution which relates to the division of Dorchester county into election districts. Read.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, Dec. 17.

From Mountjoy Bayly, a revolutionary officer. From sundry inhabitants of the eastern shore, relative to kidnapping free negroes. Memorials from the grand jury of Baltimore county, and the Society of Friends, also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, relative to kidnapping free persons. From sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, to open Addison street. From Amelia Booth, for a divorce. From John Bioren, Wm. J. Deane and Roger C. Weightman, to furnish the state with the laws of the U. S. From the jury court of Calvert, to borrow a sum of money for the purpose of building a new courthouse. From the heirs of John Jewett, for the sale of his real estate. From Job Smith, and others, of Baltimore, for the extension of Pine street. From Robert Casey and wife, to complete the trust in a certain indenture. From sundry inhabitants of Harford, to straighten and amend a certain road. From Wm. Fleming and Joseph W. Heath, of Somerset, for the execution of a certain deed. From Isaac Harris, Josiah W. Heath, and Wm. Conroy, of Somerset, for the execution of a certain deed. From Josiah W. Heath, to make valid a certain deed. From Christopher Hughes, of Baltimore, for filling up Quay street, and open Hughes street. From sundry inhabitants of Harford, for certain alterations in the law for the relief of the poor of said county. From Ruthy Sewell and Thomas Cade, of Anne Arundel, for a support. From Charles Thompson, of St. Mary's, a revolutionary soldier. From Amelia Maddox, for a divorce. Severally referred.

On motion of Mr. Lecompte, the following order was read and adopted.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lecompte, Bowles, Hambleton, Harrison and Dennis, be a committee to report what measures, if any, are proper to be adopted in relation to the deficiency of state funds, which appears in the report of the committee of claims, and also to examine and report the amount of loans received by the Treasurer of the W. S. under the authority of the Legislature, which became due in 1817, and in what manner the same can be settled.

Ordered, That the letters from the Presidents of the Bank of Maryland, and Farmer's Bank of Maryland, be referred to the said committee.

On the 23th inst. a resolution was passed, that a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of recommending to the general government the adoption of such measures as to them may seem most advisable, to prevent, or limit, the exportation of grain, in consequence of the general failure of fall-crops, the distresses of the poor, & scarcity to be apprehended the ensuing Spring; the committee to consist of five members, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

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Prince George's, Ont. 21









